

Nashua Arts Commission
Meeting minutes
Sept. 9, 2025

In attendance:

Jennifer Annand

Paula Lochhead

Judy Carlson

Jane Marquis

Tina Cassidy

Lindsay Rinaldi

Sara Ceaser

Lauren Spira-Savet

Chuck Emmons

Guests: Liz Hannum, Kathleen Palmer (City reps)

Absent: Eleanor Luna, Faith Mandravelis, Carol Robey

Call to Order: 8:04 am.

Roll Call of Members

Motion to Approve: June minutes, made by Laurie, seconded by Chuck, all in favor. Motion carried.

Communications

Update on NH State Arts Council: **Lindsay** briefly discussed the impact on state arts organizations, on grants and NEA submissions, coming about by the decisions made at the Statehouse regarding the Arts Council. **Liz** noted the possibility of soliciting funds from the Mayor's Community & Civic Activities account.

Vibe Map: **Liz** touched on this business district and events software being housed on the website of Downtown Nashua Association (formerly Great American Downtown).

Old Business

Water Street Mural: **Laurie** offered a presentation on the mural project at Renaissance Park's Water Street ramp (*attached to Agenda*), noting tomorrow evening's meeting will be when a muralist is selected from the three finalists. More than 20 RFQs were submitted, and sub-con members Laurie and **Judy** both praised the quality of the offerings. Laurie asked for help marketing the reveal (slated for Winter Stroll, but TBD); **Jane** offered to assist in that endeavor.

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New Business

NAC FY26 Budget Allocation: **Liz** reported that the discontinuation of grants may be necessary and discussion ensued. Commission directed City staff to provide information as soon as possible:

1. Rules documenting the use of general fund money
2. Rules documenting grant policy
3. Documented Purchasing policy highlighting sections that relate to arts commission actions (Liz said she would share that this afternoon)
4. Commission formation documents and history on how the Commission was created by former Mayor Lozeau and its primary function

Kathleen to get closing link ready for October reporting of FY25 grants.

Motion to Table remaining agenda items: made by **Jane**, seconded by **Jenn**, all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to Adjourn: 9:29 am, made by **Judy**, seconded by **Chuck**, all in favor. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: **8 am Tuesday, Oct. 14**